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342 with rattan thongs. These walls are very strong and durable. The roof is usually covered with thatch, but it frequently happens that the native also uses panels of nse-nse to cover his hut. [43]

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361 Among the peoples who live west of the lake, the huts are grouped in clusters of two or three and placed in two parallel lines. The free space between the clusters is very limited, so much so that at first sight all the huts seem to be continuous. The doors always open on the large street.

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342 We also visited a number of villages where earthen dwellings,
177 built by administrative order, stretched out the whole length of the village. As a rule, however, these huts, which we regard as an
● 656 improvement from the standpoint of hygiene and comfort, were not favored by the natives. The Negro had carried out the task imposed upon him, but he refused to enjoy it. His primitive hut, which was better adapted to the necessities of his life, retained its appeal and its occupants.

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361 Among the Tumba of the east shore of the lake, we observed
342 that the hut tends to present certain characteristics relating it to the type of hut with an arched roof found among the Buli [Oli] and farther north. The ridge, instead of being straight, extends beyond the ends of the hut and dips down, giving the whole structure the appearance of a bow bent [44] chiefly at the two ends. In certain dwellings the doors are placed in the side wall facing the main thoroughfare, and the huts are built in groups standing more or less close together. In other huts, on the other hand, the door is located in the gable wall and opens on a small veranda formed by the projecting roof front. The huts built this way are placed in a line, but are separated, and although the space between the two lines forms the chief thoroughfare of the village, each hut nevertheless boasts a small individual courtyard in front of the veranda. As to the method of construction, it is identical to those we noted in the region west of the lake.

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S Among the peoples of the lower Lukenie, the huts are also
361 built by the same method and with identical materials. The door,
342 however, is nearly always in the gable wall, at the end where the roof projects, slightly curved, to form the veranda. When the huts are separated, one notices again a tendency toward an arc in the